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SUBJECT: SADAT ON CYPRUS AND TURKISH-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY. IN PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 30 SADAT DESCRIBED KYPRIANOU AS LEADER OF "GREEK SIDE" OF CYPRUS ONLY, UNDERLINIG GOE TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT, NONALIGNED GOVERNMENT FOR CYPRUS. HE CRITICIZED KYPRIANOU AS MAN WHO FIRED ON GOE SOLDIERS "FROM THE BACK". ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFERENCES WITH TURKEY OVER CYPRUS, SADAT SAID HE WORKING TOWARDS GOAL ENJOYING "BEST RELATIONS" WITH TURKS. SADAT REVEALED "SECRET" THAT WHEN RELATIONS WERE SEVERED WITH CYPRUS HE ASKED HIS "GREAT FRIEND" PM CARAMANLIS TO LOOK AFTER EGYPTIAN INTERESTS THERE. END SUMMARY.

1. KYPRIANOU. IN MAY 30 PRESS CONFERENCE SADAT WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON EGYPTIAN-TURKISHRELATIONS AND CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE DESCRIBED PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AS "PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK SIDE" OF THE ISLAND, REPEATING EGYPT'S WITHDRAWAL OF RECOGNITION GOC AS GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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WHOLE ISLAND. SADAT UNDERSCORED TRADITIONAL GOE SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT, NONALIGNED GOVERNMENT FOR WHOLE ISLAND. HE ADDED GOE FORMIN KAMEL MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH KYPRIANOU TO DISCUSS LARNACA INCIDENT AND WHOLE SITUATION. EGYPT SUPPORTED MAKARIOS BUT SADAT SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND KYPRIANOU, WHO "FIRED ON MY SOLDIERS FROM THE BACK."

2. TURKEY. SADAT SAID THAT EGYPT HAS DIFFERENCES WITH TURKEY OVER CYPRUS QUESTION BUT NEVERTHELESS WAS WORKING FOR "BEST RELATIONS" WITH THAT COUNTRY. HE NOTED ATATURK WAS ONE OF HEROS WHO INFLUENCED EGYPT'S JULY WE REVOLUTION AND THAT TURKS ARECONSIDERED BROTHERS WITHIN ISLAM. SADAT REVEALED WHAT HE SAID WAS "SECRET" THAT AFTER HE SEVERED RELATIONS WITH CYPRUS, HE ASKED HIS "GREAT FRIEND", GREEK PM CARAMANLIS, TO "LOOK AFTER OUR INTEREST THERE". THIS IS SOMETHING, HE SAID, WHICH "MAY ANNOY OUR BROTHERS IN TURKEY. MATTHEWS

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